



Scout Trails

Explorer Post 728X

By subjecting themselves to the rigors of Air Force survival training in the cold mountainous region near Reno,

11 Explorer Scouts from Explorer Post 728X, accompanied by their leader, Herman Boodman, were the recipients of Department of the Air Force training certificates

by satisfactorily completing the Air Explorer Scout Encampment along with some 100 other Explorers under training given by the 3635th Flying Training Group (Advanced), Stead AFB, Nevada, over the Easter week holidays. Arriving Sunday by bus at the State building in Reno, the local contingent was assigned an Air Force instructor, toured the display building, checked equipment, set up camp and received the survival lecture. Early morning found them in a convoy and a 60-mile snowy route to the training area, where they constructed

camp and were issued military C-rations. The rest of the day was spent in further camp construction utilizing Air Force tepees, in fire building (since the temperature dropped to 15 during the night), camp sanitation, campfire discussion, and forest procedures.

WEDNESDAY featured hunting, stalking, fishing, skinning, and the actual preparation of rabbits in rock ovens. Also, information was gained on plant foods. Afterwards, a helicopter and snow "weasel" demonstration took place. A 12-mile mountaineering jaunt followed during which training was given in navigation and

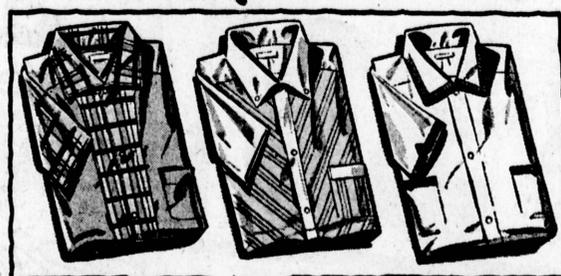
map reading, trail techniques and trail discipline. Instructions in signaling and signal fires, mountaineering, traps and snares, and cooking methods comprised Thursday's instructions, with Friday devoted to preparing for the return jaunt just as the snow was starting to melt, graduation and departure from Reno for the bus trip back to Los Angeles and Torrance. Local Explorers, in addition to Mr. Boodman, who participated, were Gene Anderson, Randy Blair, Donny Christensen, David Cooper, Larry Hendricson, J. J. Henry, Bob Murphy, Ken Neal, Gary Olson, Ken Smith and Dennis Albright.



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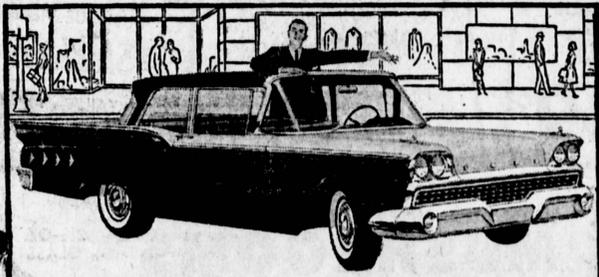
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